

Safety Committee/Infection Control Minutes
06/30/09

Attendees: David Mitchell, Eyvette Sanatamore, Sarah Merrill, Cindy Bronson, Dave Boland, Mike Kuhn, Kevin Rogers, Ed Riddell, Dr. Geig, Deb Bard, Tommie Murray, Fran Levine, Jenny Roggensack, Adena Weidman,

Emergency Drill Summary:

David Mitchell reviewed issues that were brought forth in last month's emergency drills:

1. The leader was organized and calm.
2. Not all responding staff were aware of the location of the emergency equipment in the admissions dept. (There is a sign on the door indicating where the emergency equipment and oxygen are stored).
3. Voice pager malfunction (referred to Operations Director for Investigation)
4. People had expectation that an AED would automatically be brought. This will be clarified in the Education and Training Newsletter that an AED is sent for only if the leader identifies a need for one).

Admission Office Key

There is supposed to be an Admission key on the supervisor key ring. Adena was not present at the time to verify that.

Patient Use for Knitting Tools, Crochet, Etc.

Dave brought some tools that are used to knit, crochet, cross stitch for the patient's for opinions on whether or not these tools be allowed to be used by the patient's and are they a risk for possible stabbing or strangling since of the needles have an attached wire to it. The committee motioned and the decision was made to get more information on the use of these tools and to check into other hospitals and their screening process. David will follow up next month.

Variance Reports

Tommie talked about how these reports are being filled out, commenting that staff is doing a great job of searching for items in the yard such as twisty ties, which the committee determined came off hot dog buns or hamburger bun . Deb Bard said she would check into this and follow up.

New Cleaning Procedures

Eyvette had gone to a seminar to be educated and adopt new cleaning products that are attached to the MSDS sheet. She went over several products that had been changed such as:

1. General purpose disinfectant
2. Washroom cleaner
3. ES74 spray and wipe cleaner
4. Cream cleaner
5. Glass Cleaner

6. Floor cleaner
7. No zinc floor finish

There was some concern about using the floor cleaners by staff members and it was suggested that Leah Matteson and Diane Bogdan could communicate to staff on the instructions of the use. David will discuss this matter with them.

Reportable Diseases form

This was a hand out to the committee of all the reportable diseases to the Vermont Department of Health. This was just a FYI to everyone of public health importance.

Ice Scoops for the Units

Deb said the scoops are ordered. They are brightly colored and are plastic which means they are safe for the units.

Brooks One hand washing/possibly new sink

Adena discussed the use of the laundry room for putting in a sink for hand washing. That is the only possible place since there is water available already. Adena will follow-up next month on a decision or possible alternative.

H1N1 Flu

FYI – Considered pandemic security score is 2. How prepared is VSH if this flu happens. VSH does have enough masks for staff. N95 masks are ideal but they need to be fitted per staff member. Tommie is the only certified person who can use the “no fit test kit”. The goal is to have supplies available by late summer. There was some discussion on certifying more people for the Fit Test and to have a back-up Emergency Process in place. Tommie will follow-up on a command center and report.

Refrigerator out of range procedure for Food and Drugs

Jenny from the pharmacy hasn't run into any problems thus far. May Beth is on vacation but will make guidelines on how to know if the drugs are safe. Deb will put together some guidelines for the food refrigerator's. Eyvette mentioned that there is a med refrigerator in housekeeping that is available if needed.

CMS update – Mike Kuhn

Mike Kuhn identified the improvements of deficiencies that CMS had surveyed. Specifically numbers 16 – 30.

16. Ceiling pipes – Treatment Mall – Start work in two weeks
17. Ceiling pipes – Stairwell & Corridors – Work underway
18. Patient room 1 & 15 – Gaps at door & frame – Doors ordered
19. Fire damper & transfer grill – already there
20. Fire seal @ penetrations in mechanical room – This week
21. Smoke detector – Done
22. Sprinkler heads in telephone closets – Done
23. Electronic monitoring of post indicator valves – Underway wire connected
24. Obstruction testing of dry sprinkler system – Piping being placed
25. Document & testing of fire dampers – Underway

26. Furniture screws – Develop protocol-follow up
 27. Wall mounted paging speaker in hall – Done
 28. Wall mounted speakers in dayrooms – Done
 29. Piping on smoking porches – Temp enclosure install –Perform with mesh install
 30. Chain link fencing mesh on smoking porches – Fabrication 7/13/09
- BGS will update the safety committee next month with any new developments.

FYI Myra

Myra wanted everyone to know that there were tab pills missing and the wrappers were been flushed down the toilets. This could be a serious safety issue and could clog toilets.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting July 28th, 2009